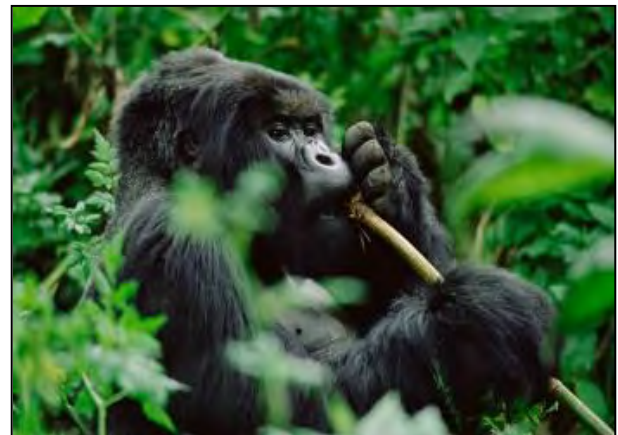


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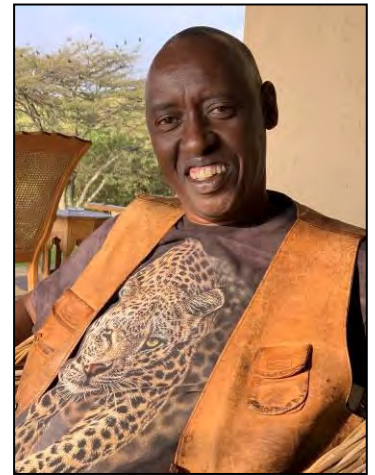
**JULY 15 TO 26, 2025**





## YOUR NATURALIST GUIDE: ALBERT MITCHO KARISA

Albert Mitcho Karisa is one of the best and most experienced guides currently leading tours in East Africa. Always ready to pass on his knowledge in combination with a vibrant sense of humor, travelers comment that “Albert makes learning about the animals, environment, and culture an especially fun experience.” A native of Rwanda, he has led trips to Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Congo, Morocco, and France. His birding abilities are unequaled and his expertise with photography will help you get that perfect picture. His unbounded energy stems from his long-distance running, and his interests include herbal medicine and the cultures of Africa. Albert’s passionate nature and buoyant personality make him the perfect ambassador for Africa.





## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1~TUESDAY~ JULY 15

#### USA/EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your flights en route to Nairobi.

### DAY 2~ WEDNESDAY~ JULY 16

#### NAIROBI

Upon arrival, you are welcomed by your Classic Escapes expert driver/guide and naturalist and escorted to your luxurious hotel. The remainder of your evening is at leisure.



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### DAY 3~THURSDAY~ JULY 17

#### NAIROBI

Your day begins with a game drive in Nairobi National Park, unique in that the Park is the only protected area in the world with a variety of animals and birds close to a capital city. As expected, the park is a principal attraction for visitors to Nairobi. The park also serves many residents and citizens living in the city as it has a diversity of environments with characteristic fauna and flora. Open grass plains with scattered acacia bush are predominant. The western side has a highland dry forest and a permanent river with a riverine forest in the south. In addition, there are stretches of broken bush country and deep, rocky valleys and gorges with scrub and long grass. Man-made dams have also added a further habitat favorable to certain species of birds and other aquatic life forms. The dams also attract water dependent herbivores during the dry season.





The park has a rich/diverse birdlife with 400 species recorded; however, all species are not always present and some are seasonal. Northern migrants pass through the park primarily during late March through April. Nairobi National Park is one of the most successful of Kenya's rhino sanctuaries. It is already generating a stock for reintroduction in the species' former range and other upcoming sanctuaries. Due to this success, it is one of the few parks where a visitor can be certain of seeing a black rhino in its natural habitat.

Continue to The Sheldrick Wildlife Trust at the edge of Nairobi National Park, which is a nursery and rehab center for infant elephants that have lost their families, as well as rhinos and occasionally zebras and other wildlife. Daphne Sheldrick was the first person to successfully master the art of raising orphaned infant elephants. The wife of the famous naturalist David Sheldrick, Daphne had dedicated her life to conservation. David was the founding Warden of Kenya's giant Tsavo East National Park, in which he served from 1948 until his death in 1976. Daphne continued her involvement till her death in April 2018 and had a real impact on the lives of elephants and rhinos, which would have normally died due to human poaching and surrounding population conflict.



Their daughter, Angela, now continues this most important work. You'll enjoy a visit with the elephants as they're brought by their keepers to the waterhole and salt lick to be fed and socialize – see how they roll in the mud and play fight and their affectionate interaction with their keepers. Learn the habits of the orphans and many interesting facts about their upkeep. These infants are eventually released into the wild at Tsavo East National Park and end up in the care of other orphans who have been successfully reintroduced to the wild.

Enjoy lunch at Karen Blixen Coffee Garden and resume your sightseeing at the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW Kenya) Giraffe Centre near Giraffe Manor where you may hand-feed the Rothschild giraffes that live here. The giraffes were brought here by Jock and Betty Leslie-Melville, who founded AFEW and built the Giraffe Centre to help educate young African children about wildlife conservation. The Rothschild giraffe is the tallest species and may reach 18 feet in height, but you can see eye to eye with them on the elevated walkway at the center.





Visit the Karen Blixen Museum, the former home of the Danish Baroness, Karen Blixen (1885-1962) author of the book *Out of Africa*. Karen lived in this green residential area from 1914 to 1931 when she left permanently for Denmark. The house was built in 1910 and when Ms. Blixen bought the property, it had 6,000 acres of land but only 600 acres were developed for growing coffee; the rest was retained under natural forest. The house was bought by the Danish Government, which offered it back to Kenya in 1963. In 1986, the house, formerly used as a school, was transformed into a National Museum. Much of the original furniture is on display in the house and most objects were either used by Karen herself or for the shooting of the film, "Out of Africa."



Your welcome dinner has been prepared for you at the Carnivore Restaurant. Carnivore's specialty is meat and features an all-you-can-eat meat buffet. Every type of meat imaginable is roasted on traditional Maasai swords (skewers) over a huge, visually spectacular charcoal pit that dominates the entrance of the restaurant. There are vegetarian dinner choices as well. Overnight at THE RESIDENCES AT KAREN in cottage rooms. (B,L,D)



#### **DAYS 4/5~FRIDAY/SATURDAY~ JULY 18/19** **SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP**



During your stay here, you will also visit the 200-acre chimpanzee sanctuary that has been set up here. Although chimps are not indigenous to Kenya, the aim of the project, initiated by Kenya Wildlife Services and the Jane Goodall Institute, was to set up a colony where chimps could be introduced, rehabilitated, and taught to fend for themselves in an area similar to their natural living conditions. Priority is given to orphaned and abused chimps. The sanctuary currently has over 40 chimps, including two babies born in the sanctuary. There is also a new visitor's information center at Morani's Boma.

Your safari adventure begins when you drive today to the heart of a privately-owned 24,000-acre reserve, where your luxurious tented camp with magnificent views of Mt. Kenya awaits you. One of only four private wildlife reserves in Kenya, your under-canvas experience includes a day of wildlife drives in search of the 'Big Five.' Watch a parade of elephants, giraffes, zebras, and impalas come to drink at the camp's floodlit waterhole and saltlick. Optional activities abound, you may choose to go on a night drive in search of nocturnal species, on a camel safari, walking safari, and much more.





*Accommodation is provided in luxuriously appointed tents set under thatched roofs, with en suite facilities and private verandahs. All tents face the waterhole, and often the best time to be had is just sitting on your private porch watching the procession of animals that are attracted to the waterhole and observing their behavior.*

**Overnights at SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP in the morani wing (B,L,D Daily)**

[www.serenahotels.com/serenasweetwaters](http://www.serenahotels.com/serenasweetwaters)

*Approximate driving time from Nairobi to Sweetwaters Tented Camp: 4 hours.*



## **DAY 6~SUNDAY~ JULY 20**

### **SWEETWATERS/LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK/LAKE ELMENTEITA**

Travel overland for a fabulous day of nature viewing. You are now in the heart of the Great Rift Valley (which roughly bisects Kenya North to South, a huge geological fault-line that stretches around one-sixth of the Earth's circumference and is visible from far out in space. At 2,000 feet deep and 30 miles wide, it runs as far as the eye can see. Its walls are sheer and high and, along its length, there are many volcanoes mostly dormant. The landscape, with bubbling springs and geysers, is spectacular.

Arrive at Lake Nakuru National Park, a shallow alkaline body of water, once world-renowned for the huge concentration of flamingos. Today, there aren't many flamingoes left, but the park boasts a huge variety of animals including leopards - often found snoozing on the branches of magnificent yellow-barked acacias - lion, buffalo, hippo, waterbuck, warthog, baboon, and the endangered Rothschild's giraffe (Only found in this part of Kenya), white rhino and the rare, protected black rhino. For the bird-watching enthusiast, there are 450 species found in the park vicinity, with a big concentration of water birds including Marabou Stork and pelican.



*Your home for the next two nights, Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp, offers luxurious accommodations nestled in the amazing Rift Valley scenery. Uniquely situated on the shoreline of sapphire-blue Lake Elmenteita where hundreds of thousands of birds congregate, the small and exclusive Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp is brand new - opened in June 2011. Evocatively styled to echo the area's rich history, the camp blends aristocratic elegance with modern luxury and offers cuisine and service of fittingly high standards.*





The nomadic Maasai had passed through the area for centuries and the name Elmenteita derives from the Maasai Ol muiteita for “place of dust”. Then in 1897 one of the first pioneers arrived, after walking over 621 miles south of Berbera on the coast of Somalia. This was the third Baron Delamere, who dedicated his foresight and fortune to pioneering farming methods in the Rift Valley. He moved to Elmenteita in 1906, where he further experimented with sheep and cattle ranching, advised and assisted by the Maasai – with whom he had a great rapport. He named his farm Soysambu, Maasai for “striated rock” - Sambu is also a cow color.



Today’s Soysambu is a 48,000-acre Wildlife Conservancy, also a RAMSAR site – a wetland of international importance. The alkaline lake’s rocky islands are the only East African nesting site for Great White Pelicans, while its algae and plankton provide food for vast flocks of flamingos and a multitude of other waterfowl, many of them rare. The Conservancy protects over 450 bird species and 15,000 wild animals. Rothschild giraffes have found a safe haven for breeding here, while a diverse variety of terrain shelters many species – from herds of giant elands to tiny dik-diks and cliff-dwelling klipspringers. Night game-drives offer a unique opportunity to spot nocturnal creatures including the curious drives offer a unique opportunity to spot nocturnal creatures including the curious-looking armadillo and elusive leopard. Walking is also allowed, with chances to experience the miracles of the bush close-up. Bush dinners beneath the stars, spectacular sundowners and hot-air ballooning over this geologically fascinating part of the Great Rift Valley are a few more of the camp’s exciting activities. Lake Nakuru National Park and Kariandusi prehistoric sites are nearby. Overnight at the ELMENTEITA SERENA. (B,L,D)

<https://www.serenahotels.com/elmenteita>

*Approximate driving time from Sweetwaters Tented Camp to Lake Nakuru National Park: 4 hours; then to Lake Elmenteita: 1 hour.*

## DAY 7~MONDAY~JULY 21

### LAKE NAIVASHA BOAT RIDE & CRESENT ISLAND

Today you will be treated to a boat ride on Lake Naivasha, where Hippos and waterbirds abound, en route to Crescent Island, which you can explore on foot. No predators are found on this island, so walking among the free-roaming antelope is sure to be a fun experience. This island, shaped like a quarter moon, is a sanctuary for herds of antelope and many species of birds. Over 350 bird species have been recorded, with Thomson's gazelle, waterbuck, monkeys, and other wildlife to keep them company.



Your afternoon is at leisure in your beautiful camp to enjoy the facilities, take a walk at the lake shore, or simply relax and rejuvenate.

Overnight at the ELMENTEITA SERENA. (B,L,D)

*Approximate driving time from Lake Elmenteita and Lake Naivasha: 1 hour, each way.*

## DAYS 8/9/10~ TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY ~ JULY 22/23/24

### MAASAI MARA/ NORTHERN SERENGETI

Your landrover now takes you to the Maasai Mara, Kenya’s most famous wildlife reserve, much the setting for the film *Out of Africa*. It is classic savannah – grasslands, where



animals are plentiful and the vistas spectacular. In this dreamlike land, animals live in freedom, and the Maasai care for their herds, all sharing the same land with minimal conflict. You will have three days of wildlife-viewing opportunities in the Maasai Mara Reserve, also known as the "Jewel of Africa," a site with one of the largest and the most spectacular animal migrations in the world. The reserve is inhabited by many of Africa's most popular wild animals, including lion, cheetah, elephant, leopard, black rhino, and hippo. There are also over 500 resident species of birds in the park including ostrich, larks, and sunbirds as well as the lovely Lilac-breasted Roller.

The area is famous for rolling grassland and for the Mara River, which runs through the reserve from north to south. The reserve covers an area of 700 square miles and forms part of the Serengeti ecosystem, hosting the world-famous spectacle of the annual migration of up to two million wildebeest, thousands of zebra, and an escort of carnivores from the Serengeti plains that follow the rains and succulent new grass. A costly trek as many of the lame, laggard, and sick will fall prey to the ravaging pack of predators and many more will die in the swirling floodwaters of the Mara River as they try to cross it. The Mara also has one of the highest concentrations of cheetahs on the continent, as well as many magnificent black-maned lions.

Try a balloon safari for an exhilarating experience over the savannah as the early sun rises and the animals are more active, as your *optional activity* while you are in the Maasai Mara, and visit a Maasai village to learn about the customs of this nomadic tribe.

*The Mara Serena Safari Lodge is an interpretation of a traditional Maasai Manyatta village of domed huts. Accommodation is offered in 73 guestrooms. The wide-spaced and secluded rooms have been individually styled in exuberant bush colors and feature large spacious en-suite bathrooms. It is set on the saddle of a hill where it overlooks the 695 square miles of rolling plains, woodlands, and rivers that make up the Maasai Mara Triangle – one of the world's richest wildlife sanctuaries. No other lodge has such a spectacular view of the surrounding landscape or the wildlife and birdlife that inhabit it. It is on this very terrain stretching endlessly before the lodge where the annual migration takes place, where millions of wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle traverse the landscape to feed on the rich new grass and give birth to their young.*

Overnights at the MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D Daily) [www.serenahotels.com](http://www.serenahotels.com)  
Approximate driving time from Lake Elmenteita to the Maasai Mara: 5 hours.





**DAY 11~FRIDAY ~JULY 25**

**MAASAI MARA/NAIROBI/EN ROUTE**

Enjoy your last chance to photograph that awesome sunrise before driving back to Nairobi. *(An optional flight between Maasai Mara and Nairobi is available at an additional cost of \$350 per person).* A day room will be supplied for you at the CROWNE PLAZA. You'll have some time to relax before you are escorted to the airport in time for your return flight home. As your journey comes to a close, you say a fond farewell to your driver/guide and promise to return again. (B,L)

*Approximate driving time from Maasai Mara to Nairobi: 5 hours.*



**DAY 12~SATURDAY~ JULY 26**

**USA**

Today your jet lands in the U.S. bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of East Africa. (Meals Aloft)





## OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO RWANDA



### DAY 11~FRIDAY ~JULY 25 NAIROBI/KIGALI, RWANDA

Bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to the USA and as you fly to Kigali, capital of Rwanda. A tiny, landlocked republic in Equatorial Africa, Rwanda lies on the eastern rim of the Albertine Rift and the watershed between Africa's two largest river systems: the Nile and the Congo. Often called the "land of a thousand hills", Rwanda is a mountainous country with a moist, temperate tropical year-round climate.

In addition to the magnificent mountain gorillas and several other primates for which it is renowned, Rwanda is also home to a tremendous variety of bird life, making this tiny country a birder's paradise! Of the 650 bird species found here, some are West African forest species whose eastern range extends to Rwanda. Found throughout Rwanda are the Cassin's Hawk Eagle, Black-winged Pratincole, Olive Woodpecker, Snowy-headed Robin-Chat, Black-faced Rufous Warbler, Wing-snapping Cisticola, Rwenzori Flycatcher, Green-throated Sunbird, and the Many-colored Bush-shrike, and numerous others. In addition, the range of elevations and diverse vegetation types of both of the spectacular parks on this itinerary ensures that each also has its own unique bird fauna.





Your home for this evening is located in the center of Kigali's heart. Each of the 104 air-conditioned guest rooms include en-suite facilities, in-room mini bar and coffee making supplies, satellite television, telephone, and contemporary décor.

Overnight at the KIGALI SERENA HOTEL. (B,L,D)  
<https://www.serenahotels.com/serenakigali/en/default.html>



## DAY 12~ SATURDAY~ JULY 26 KIGALI/MUSANZE

After your breakfast, you will depart on a city tour of Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, which is situated in hill country meandering over ridges and valleys. Your tour will touch upon this country's history and on the positive changes that have taken place since the genocide in 1994. The poignant memories of the Kigali Memorial Centre and Camp Kigali honor those who fell victim during the genocide. The one-hour tour will include seeing the Institute of Science and Technology, the Parliament Building and the bustling city market at Kimironko. Your expert guide will tell you about the rich history of Rwanda, including the home of Richard Kandt who in 1906 was appointed the Resident Governor of Rwanda; this facility has been converted into a Natural History Museum.



The tour will introduce you to the sights, sounds and cultural diversity of Kigali. After the city tour you will have an opportunity to visit the Genocide Memorial Center which allows you to learn about some of the lessons learned in the 1994 genocide, so this tragedy never happens again. As an outsider, it is almost impossible to understand the true scope of what



really happened here in 1994. Your visit to the center will help bring some of the tragedy to light as you learn about individual stories of losing family and friends while at the same time learning about the efforts of Rwandans to heal and carry on as one nation.

The capitol city is vibrant and blends traditional customs with modern construction. Kigali boasts a new mall that comes complete with the Bourbon Street Café where patrons can enjoy an espresso or café mocha. The city tour introduces you to Rwanda and begins a trip filled with unique experiences that will be treasured for the rest of your life.

After lunch begin your drive to Kinigi and the Volcanoes National Park (*Parc National des Volcans*) situated in the Virunga Conservation Area in northeast Rwanda. During your journey, you will understand why this country is known as the 'Land of a Thousand Hills;' blanketed with lush, green grasslands and dotted with small farms, they create a multitude of breathtaking moments. The life of





Dian Fossey, pre-eminent naturalist and champion of the mountain gorillas is part of the allure of Volcanoes National Park. She spent most of her time (almost 18 years) observing the gorillas, and established the Karisoke Research Centre as a means to study gorilla behavior and to begin an anti-poaching project. Her life was portrayed in the film *Gorillas in the Mist* which was filmed here. She is buried near her research center and the beloved gorillas which became her life. You will visit the Dian Fossey Ellen DeGeneres Campus to learn about Dian's pioneering work, and the steps that are being taken to preserve this endangered species.

This Park's stunning backdrop is five dormant volcanoes – Sabyinyo, Gahinga, Visoke, Muhabura and Karisimbi – that are swathed in a tapestry of montane ecosystems, which include evergreen and bamboo forests, grasslands and heaths. The altitude differentials as you ascend are composed of four major vegetation zones: bamboo (base altitude), hagenia and hypericum woodland forest (8,500-10,800 feet), sub-alpine (10,800-13,000 feet) and afro-alpine (above 13,000 feet).

*Your lovely accommodation, Virunga Inn & Spa is located in northern province of Rwanda in Kinigi, very near the Volcanoes National Park. The property has 20 deluxe rooms in 14 chalets which are designed and built to take advantage of the surroundings that gives everyone who stays there the sense of being far away from everything and so at peace. Each room at this 4-star hotel has mountain views, and is equipped with comfortable bedding, flat screen TV, safety deposit box, in room coffee and tea-making facilities, and a seating area. The private bathrooms include a walk-in shower, and comforts like guest toiletries, slippers, hairdryers and robes. The resort offers elegant dining options in a variety of settings and cuisines. Free Wi-Fi on the entire property.*



Overnight at the VIRUNGA INN & SPA. (B,L,D)

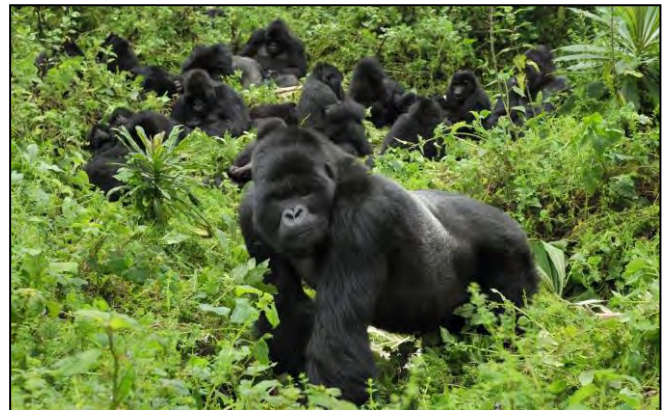
<https://virungainn.com/>

Driving Times from Kigali to Kinigi about 3 hours.

### DAY 13~SUNDAY~ JULY 27

#### VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS) ~ GORILLA TREKKING

Certainly, the main highlight of this park is the mountain gorillas, which spend most of their time in the hagenia woodlands and bamboo forests. During the rainy season when new bamboo shoots are growing, the gorillas spend more time foraging in the bamboo forests at base altitude. This Park was the base for Dian Fossey up until her death in 1985 and she focused her work at the Karisoke Research Center for 18 years. There are at least ten habituated gorilla families that can be visited here, most of them on the slopes of the Visoke volcano.



**Your group will have the opportunity for up to two treks per person to view the mountain gorillas (please indicate how many permits you wish to purchase. The price for each permit is \$1,500, plus \$60 tips for trackers & porters, and is not included in the cost of the tour.)** After breakfast, you will proceed to the nearby park headquarters and meet with your excellent local guides and porters, who will carry your personal items and assist you during the trek. Gorillas here live on the slopes of ancient volcanoes in high elevation forests. Dense bamboo thickets give way to a combination of large meadows and dense herbaceous





vegetation zone highlighted by moss-laden hagenia and hypericum trees. Your treks will take you through a fairyland forest, an experience that in of itself is thrilling. As you venture forth, you will spot evidence that the gorillas have been present. The treks can last from four to seven hours (or more) depending on when you spot the gorillas. There is an hour limit to the time you spend with these majestic creatures once you spot them. Tracking gorillas through misty, seemingly impenetrable forests can be an exhausting process as the paths are often slippery, entangled and wet. However, this effort is quickly forgotten the minute you encounter these beautiful creatures. They instantly capture your full attention with their acrobatic antics and cacophony of grunts, screeches and chest beating. Overnight at VIRUNGA INN & SPA. (B,L,D)



**DAY 14~ MONDAY~ JULY 28**  
**VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS) ~ OPTIONAL SECOND GORILLA TREKKING**

Those who wish to trek twice will get a chance this morning. After breakfast take a short drive back to the Park Headquarters and meet with the local guides and trackers who will give another talk on the etiquette of gorilla trekking. Then hike into the park for a second gorilla trek, visiting a different family this time. Overnight at VIRUNGA INN & SPA. (B,L,D)

**DAY 15~ TUESDAY~ JULY 29**  
**GOLDEN MONKEYS TREK/KIGALI**

Your morning trek will focus on the little-known Golden Monkey. The newly habituated troops of 40 or more individuals are found only in the Virunga Conservation Area. The Kabatwa troop is located close to the Park headquarters and the Musanga troop lives near the Karisimbi, a much longer trek. This is a different experience from gorilla-viewing as the monkeys reach and interact differently as their antics of playing hide-and-seek is amusing to view



Drive back to Kigali with a box lunch in tow, and have a bit of time for shopping or relaxing at the KIGALI SERENA where a dayroom is provided. Later, transfer to the airport for your overnight flight back home. (B, Boxed L, Meals Aloft)

**DAY 16~ WEDNESDAY~ JULY 30**  
**USA**

Arrive home today, bringing with you the special memories of East Africa. (Meals Aloft)





## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS IN THE MAASAI MARA

Experience an exhilarating balloon safari for the most incredible way of viewing wildlife. It begins in the early morning after you observe the inflating of the balloon, and you have an hour of uninterrupted views of wildlife from the air – the best way to see the incessant movement of animals and the fabulous vistas of Tanzania and Kenya. During the flight, you will ascend to a high altitude to take in an amazing panoramic view and then descend to treetop level and silently glide above the wildlife below. Upon landing, enjoy a “bubbly” brunch, set especially for you in the middle of the plains. Zebra and elephants may be your dining guests, and Africa’s colorful birds may vie for a crumb of your bread. You then meet with your driver/guide and continue your safari. Many consider this one of the most memorable experiences of their safari.



Flying high up in the skies of the **Maasai Mara Game Reserve**, you view an endless magical array of savannahs, rivers, forests, and escarpments. If your visit is between July and October, the Mara plays host to the great migration, and there’s nothing like this unparalleled phenomenon of migrating herds of zebra, wildebeest, and gazelle to view from the air. But, whether the migration is in the Mara or not, watching predators such as lions and cheetahs hunting their prey, and looking for all the marvels of the bush, is exciting and never gets old!

- Maasai Mara with collection from your lodge – Mara Serena Lodge: \$530 per adult (including children 12 and over) and \$415 per child ages 3-11 years who must be accompanied by an adult on the balloon (currently, subject to change).

Reservations for this excursion are necessary before departure from the USA if you wish to be guaranteed a seat. Full payment must be forwarded to Classic Escapes, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 to be received at least three weeks prior to departure. If your trip does not materialize due to weather or other reasons, your payment will be refunded upon returning to the U.S.A. However, if you should cancel for any reason, payment is non-refundable.





## INCLUSIONS

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- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Flight between Nairobi/Kigali on the post extension.
- American breakfast in Nairobi; all meals while on safari; other meals as specified.
- All wildlife viewing by 4X4 vehicles driven by a naturalist driver/guide.
- A professional naturalist, will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main trip only.
- Visit the Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Sweetwaters.
- A host from Blank Park Zoo will accompany the group with minimum of 10 travelers on the main program and 6 travelers on the extension to Rwanda.
- One permit to trek for the Golden monkeys.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary luggage tags and a reusable water bottle.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips, and taxes for included services.
- Emergency evacuation insurance.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Round trip air transportation from the USA to Nairobi. If you require assistance with air arrangements, contact Classic Escapes.
- *Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and is at your discretion. We estimate \$15 per person/per day for the specialist guide. \$15 per person/per day for the safari driver. \$10 per person/per day for the camp staff. \$5 per person for each arrival and departure transfer from the airport/hotel. These are daily per service estimates and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.*
- Gorilla trekking permit(s) to trek for the mountain gorillas in Rwanda.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

**PLEASE NOTE THE ITINERARY SEQUENCE IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING, BUT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**





## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EAST AFRICA

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### Participants

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of vehicles unassisted. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (4-7 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Participants should also be able to stand and / or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to.
- Visitors must be in excellent physical condition, without any heart problems and be prepared to spend strenuous days in humid rain forests, steep terrain and high-altitude trekking for chimpanzee and gorillas, as well as other primates. Your walks can be arduous, tough, wet and long. Waterproof hiking boots, trousers and long-sleeved closed shirts, garden gloves, waterproof clothing and poncho are essential. You may walk for many hours before you even come across the gorillas (or if lucky, find them in an hour!).
- Your time with the gorillas is limited to one hour before you must trek back to the camp. You should always consult your personal physician before embarking on such an adventure.
- Rainstorms may occur at length or with little notice. Participants should come mentally and physically prepared for different types of weather, including both warm and cold temperatures.

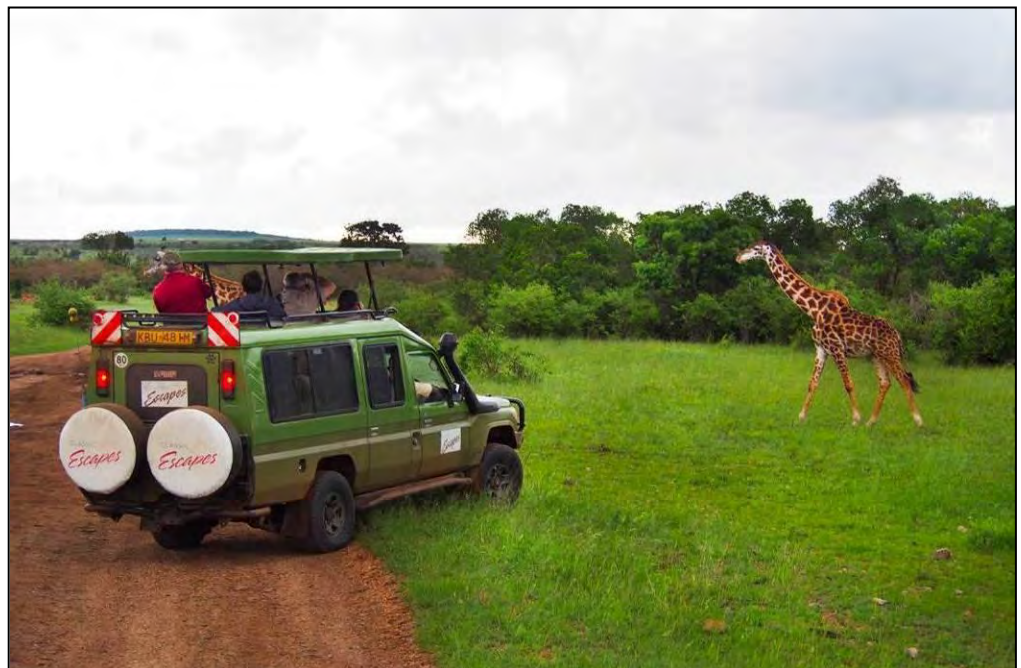


### In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with uneven infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

### Air Schedules

The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for the land only program is Nairobi, Kenya. The post extension returns from Kigali.**





## SAFARI AIR LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

**It is of vital importance that all guests traveling to Kenya strictly adhere to the luggage limits and regulations as stipulated below.**

Please note:

LUGGAGE WEIGHT LIMIT PER PERSON *	33 Lbs. (15 kg) – total weight inclusive of luggage and hand luggage/camera equipment/laptops etc.
LUGGAGE TYPE	Soft-sided (all sides) bags – no hard-shelled bags or frames allowed.
LUGGAGE DIMENSIONS**	35.4 inches high x 25.5 inches wide x 13.7 inches deep.

*\*This is the total weight including both luggage and hand luggage/camera equipment.*

This is a safety requirement due to the sensitive weight and balance checks on small aircraft and must be strictly adhered to. Travelers who require additional luggage must pre-book and pay for this on confirmation of the reservation. We would like to remind you that laundry services are available in all camps and lodges.

\*\*Please keep in mind most of internal flights are operated by aircraft whose luggage compartments have limited volume and are of an irregular shape. It is thus more difficult for the pilots to stow large rigid suitcases, which in an extreme situation, might have to be carried on the next available flight.



### HANDLING OF INCORRECT LUGGAGE ON ARRIVAL

The carriage of excess baggage is at the sole discretion of the Company after taking into consideration the aircraft being used and the number of passengers booked. When excess baggage is carried it will be charged at the prevailing rate. Excess luggage is charged at USD 5.00 per kilogram (2.2 lbs.). Guests who are unable to depart on the scheduled charter will be given the option to book a private charter at additional costs to be paid directly before departure and subject to the availability of aircraft at the time of booking these flights. No refunds on the costs paid for scheduled charters that were missed due to their incorrect luggage and or accommodation not provided due to this delay will be provided. In all cases, additional arrangements for transfers, overnight accommodations, and meals are on the guests' own account. **If passengers have significant excess baggage, it is recommended they book a 'freight' seat at an adult rate, which permits confirmed carriage of an extra 75 kgs.**

### ASSISTANCE WITH BAGGAGE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

Should guests be traveling with the incorrect luggage and require assistance with storage (which we offer at no additional cost) or transportation to their point of departure from Kenya (transportation costs apply), this can be arranged provided this has been brought to our attention before their arrival in Kenya, preferably at the time of final booking confirmation.



## BRING-A-BOOK FOUNDATION

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Your safari will include a visit to a local school. We encourage you to bring colorful books and magazines, as well as school supplies such as pens, paper, crayons, soccer balls, etc., which you can present to the children during your visit. Many of these children have never owned a book in their life and the connection you'll make with them is invaluable. You'll find that children in the schools are eager to meet with visitors, practice their English, learn about your culture, and proudly share their own. You are often welcomed with a local song or dance.

After seeing schools firsthand and meeting the dedicated teachers working under the most difficult conditions, and children hungry for knowledge, many travelers have wanted to help the schools they visited or continue to support a child's learning opportunities after they return to their homes. Bring-A-Book is an innovative effort adopted by Classic Escapes to expand education opportunities for school children. The Bring-A-Book Foundation is a registered Kenyan Charitable Trust that was created as a way to facilitate travelers' wishes to help the schools and is used to get books into the hands of children as quickly and economically as possible. With compassionate ground operators such as Rangers Safaris, Wilderness Safaris, and &Beyond, Classic Escapes has expanded the reach of BAB to Tanzania, South Africa, and Zambia, and plans to expand to other countries as well. Information will be given to you with your final documents, but if you wish to help further, feel free to call Classic Escapes at 800-627-1244 for details.



## CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

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In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included wild dog, elephant, rhino, and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania, and Namibia, penguins in Punta San Juan Peru, tiger preservation in India, and sponsoring school children in Kenya, among many other projects around the world. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness, and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.



# YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

**INCLUDING:** NAIROBI, SWEETWATERS, LAKES NAKURU, ELMENITETA & NAIVASHA & THE MAASAI MARA

**SPECIALLY PREPARED FOR:** THE BLANK PARK ZOO

**DATES:** JULY 15 TO 26, 2025

<b>COST:</b> PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	<b>MAIN PROGRAM</b> <b>BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS</b>	<b>POST EXTENSION TO RWANDA</b> <b>BASED ON 6 TRAVELERS</b>
LAND ONLY COST	\$8,995 PER PERSON	\$5,995 PER PERSON INCLUDING ONE PERMIT TO TREK FOR THE GOLDEN MONKEYS
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$2,595 PER PERSON FOR FIRST TWO SINGLES	\$1,795 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
GORILLA PERMITS	N/A	\$1,500, PLUS \$60 TIPS FOR PORTERS & TRACKERS, PER TREK

*\*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.*

**INTERNATIONAL AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program is Nairobi, Kenya. The extension returns from Kigali.**





## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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The purchase of your travel booking constitutes a contractual agreement between the traveler(s), customer(s), and/or purchaser(s) (collectively as "You" and "Traveler"), and Classic Escapes ("Classic Escapes", "We", "Us") pursuant to the following terms and conditions ("Terms", "Agreement"):

### REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

**DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT:** You will be required to pay the following per-person deposits when booking. Those amounts are:

- \$1,800 for the main trip
- \$1,200 for the post extension
- \$1,500, plus \$60 gratuities for the trackers & porters, for each gorilla permit in Rwanda.
- \$100 for the golden monkey permit

All deposits are subject to the Cancellation policy herein. Final payment is required no less than 95 days prior to departure (April 11, 2025) unless otherwise stated. Some fares or services must be paid in full at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check, wire transfer or credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover). Final payment is payable by check, wire transfer, or money order **ONLY**. Conditioned on receipt of final payment in full, all final documents and air tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

**CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS:** If for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the provider, and not against Classic Escapes, and in the event that payment has been made to Classic Escapes by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to chargeback your payment to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is passed through to the travel service provider and you seek to chargeback your payment from the provider, you agree to be held liable and indemnify Classic Escapes against this chargeback from the provider, including without limitation any air debit memos charged to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is declined, you guarantee that you will settle any amounts owing to Classic Escapes via money order or cash immediately. Except in cases of fraud, you agree not to file any dispute with your bank or credit card company to avoid or violate any booking terms and conditions of Classic Escapes or its suppliers, including cancellations or changes of itinerary or arrangements for reasons beyond the control of Classic Escapes or its suppliers. If you attempt to chargeback, reverse, or recollect a previously authorized trip payment, Classic Escapes reserves the right to collect all additional costs, fees, and expenses associated with such chargeback, reversal, or recollection, including, without limitation, attorney fees.

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. By signing the reservation form, you expressly acknowledge your acceptance of these conditions (i.e., increases before full payment and increases attributable to government-imposed taxes or fees after full payment will be your responsibility) applicable to your purchase.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**ADDITIONAL FEES:** Additional taxes and surcharges that cannot be pre-collected may be charged locally. Cost of passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy(s); or any other costs incurred that cannot be pre-collected are NOT included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see 'Your Journey at a Glance' section for the cost.) The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.



**GRATUITIES, ENTRANCE FEES & TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included in the final cost. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and specialist guide(s) are **not** included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

## **CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES**

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

**CANCELLATION:** Please be aware that most travel bookings are non-refundable and canceled bookings will incur charges. These charges can be up to 100% of the cost of the booking, regardless of whether travel has commenced. Where we incur any liability for a cancellation fee or charge for any booking that you cancel, you agree to indemnify us for the amount of that fee or charge. Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable; however, depending on the specific itinerary or other factors, we may require a non-refundable deposit:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (January 16, 2025), \$300 per person administrative fee, **plus all permits purchased.**
- 179 days to 96 days prior to departure (January 17 to April 10, 2025), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers in Kenya, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers in Rwanda, **plus all permits purchased.**
- 95 days to 60 days prior to departure (April 11 to May 16, 2025), 25% refund is possible in Kenya, no refund for Rwanda, plus no refund for **all permits purchased.**
- 59 days or less prior to departure (May 17, 2025), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

**REFUNDS:** While Classic Escapes uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there is no claim of any nature whatsoever against Classic Escapes for a refund, in whole or in part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found, or if the Traveler is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary.

**CHANGES:** Once your tour is reserved, changes to the itinerary are possible subject to the availability of air or land space at the time of your request. Should there be any change fees imposed by any airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to the availability of any space, these costs will be invoiced to you and you will be responsible for payment thereof.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Should you wish to make additional travel plans, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those offered in conjunction with your tour, a service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

## **DOCUMENTS**

**PASSPORTS:** All individuals departing from the United States of America must be in possession of a valid passport. Please check that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended return date. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid travel documentation, including but not limited to passports and visas, which meet the requirements of immigration and other government authorities at every destination. You are responsible for confirming with the United States Department of State or the representative government agency of the country to which you are traveling to confirm the requirements for visas and/or other requirements for admission to your destination. Any fines, penalties, payments, or expenditures incurred as a result of such documents not meeting the requirements of those authorities will be your sole responsibility.

**REAL ID:** Beginning May 7, 2025, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., it is your responsibility to make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies, please check with your local state Department of Motor Vehicles or visit [www.tsa.gov/real-id](http://www.tsa.gov/real-id).

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** It is the responsibility of each Traveler to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa(s), and all other documents required by applicable government regulations. When traveling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry acceptable identification in order to board a flight. Acceptable identification can be found at <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids>. The name, date of birth and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same such data that is listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records. You acknowledge any failure to strictly comply with these requirements may result in denied boarding or an undue delay at an airport security checkpoint causing the Traveler to miss flight(s), and subsequent scheduled travel bookings on cruises and tours.



Travel documents include, without limitation, airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers, or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain conditions and/or restrictions such as, but not limited to, being non-refundable, non-date-changeable, and subject to cancellation and/or amendment fees. Travel documents cannot be transferred to another person to use. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport/photo identity holder. An incorrect name on a booking may result in an inability to use that booking and the canceled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being cancelled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings on your documentation will be your responsibility if we are not advised at the time of booking. Please reconfirm your flights at least 24 hours prior to departure.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send you an electronic pre-departure packet containing all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Electronic final documents and air e-tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

## TRANSPORTATION

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, contact Classic Escapes.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** Check on the airline's website to enquire who their partners are. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

**FLIGHT CONFIRMATION:** We strongly suggest that you reconfirm exact flight times with the carrier prior to departure. Air travelers are required to check in at least 2 hours prior to departure time for domestic flights and 3 hours for international flights and must report to the gate at least 30 minutes prior to departure time. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the seat to another passenger.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:** Federal law prohibits passengers from bringing hazardous materials on the aircraft. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in the passenger's luggage or on the passenger's person. A violation can result in five years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in the passenger's luggage and certain smoking materials carried on the passenger's person. For further information, each passenger should contact the relevant airline representative(s) on their itinerary. Restrictions on hazardous materials are listed <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>.

**INSECTICIDE NOTICE:** Some countries require insecticide spraying of aircraft prior to a flight or while you are on the aircraft. We recommend that you refer to the Department of Transportation's list of airports in countries that require airlines to treat the passenger cabin with insecticides prior to the flight or while on the aircraft available at <https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements>.

**BAGGAGE & FEES:** Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding its checked baggage policies. On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. There may also be luggage and weight restrictions for your destination and that information will be forwarded to you with your pre-departure material and also listed on your final documents.

**LUGGAGE ALLOWANCES ON INTERNAL FLIGHTS:** Your journey includes optional internal flights aboard light aircraft which are designed with a maximum luggage allowance; this is closely monitored by the flight operators for safety reasons. You are allowed one carry-on and one piece of luggage, total weight: **33 lbs.** (15 kgs.) per person including the camera equipment. Further, soft-sided duffel bags are **preferred**, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

**PERSONAL WEIGHT ALLOWANCES ON INTERNAL FLIGHTS:** Your journey includes internal flights aboard light aircraft which are designed with a maximum body weight and luggage allowance; this is closely monitored by the flight operators for safety reasons. If your personal weight exceeds **85 kilos (187 lbs.)** it may be required to purchase an extra seat and your Classic Escapes Journey Manager will contact you should this be necessary.



**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. Any additional land or air fees imposed on account of airline delays will be borne by the traveler.

### TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans, unless otherwise specified. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**WATER:** It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or video taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**GUIDES:** If one of Classic Escapes' guides are unable to take a trip due to circumstances out of our control (i.e., illness, etc.), we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

**TOUR ITINERARY:** To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**HEALTH AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** You must have the proper immunizations and health screenings and required documentation of such immunizations and screenings before travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any health requirements, health advisories, or health travel restrictions applicable to your travel destinations and to ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Classic Escapes is not responsible for providing you with this information. Travel carriers and local authorities at travel destinations may require specific testing prior to boarding and/or upon arrival at your destination, including, but not limited to, a temperature check as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may be denied entry onto your carrier and/or entry upon arrival at your destination or be required to self-quarantine at your destination and upon your return to the United States. You must comply with local government regulations. Any additional costs are your responsibility. Check the State Department Web site <http://travel.state.gov>, for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, and the Center for Disease Control <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/> relating to health issues related to travel.

You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

### **COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

In order to participate in one of our tours, travelers must certify that they have not recently been treated for, nor are aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to themselves or other members of the tour and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by Classic Escapes and their representatives during their journey. Travelers must maintain suitable physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands throughout their journey. Travelers MAY be required to wear masks in vehicles, indoor areas, and any outdoor areas where physical distancing is not possible and in accordance with local regulations. Noncompliance with these procedures will result in the suspension of the journey. **Travelers voluntarily assume all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their traveling party require testing, quarantine, or become infected with COVID-19.** Classic Escapes will endeavor to provide assistance wherever possible.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. However, no representation or description of the insurance made by Classic Escapes to you constitutes a binding assurance or promise about the insurance. Classic Escapes is not an insurance company and has no responsibility for the submission, payment, or adjustment of any insurance claims. Any insurance claims that may fall under the relevant travel insurance policy must be submitted to the insurance company identified in the policy. We recommend the following service – please visit the website to enroll:



<http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. Any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company, Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and reference ARC #71298. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE:** For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during your trip via Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000.
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Medical Plan (926801)

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

[https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=AL&ProductCode=926801&PlanCode=NW&FileType=PROD\\_PLAN\\_GM](https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=AL&ProductCode=926801&PlanCode=NW&FileType=PROD_PLAN_GM)

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Classic Escapes acts as a tour operator/travel agent only. Classic Escapes does not own, operate, manage, or control any independent suppliers of services and is not liable for their acts or omissions. Classic Escapes' obligations to you are to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and other travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services, nor do we have the authority to make any warranty or representation regarding their standard. Requests cannot be guaranteed. All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these travel service providers. You understand that your legal recourse is against the specific provider, not Classic Escapes. Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. It is your responsibility to check the USA Government Travel advisories for your intended destination at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY:** We always do our best to make sure your travel arrangements are satisfactory. However, Classic Escapes and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns do not own or operate any third-party entity that provides goods and services for your travel, including without limitation lodging facilities, airline, vessel, motorcoach, or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and are in no way affiliated to Classic Escapes. We are not liable for any delays or additional costs incurred by the Traveler as a result of any actions or occurrences by any of the foregoing third party entities.

**LIABILITY:** Classic Escapes is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any travel service provider or of any third party.

Because Classic Escapes does not have the right to control the operations of such travel service provider or any third party, you agree that Classic Escapes is not liable for any personal injury or property damage which may arise out of these services. Classic Escapes hereby disclaims any liability whether based on contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, including without limitation liability for any direct, punitive, special consequential, incidental or indirect damages, in connection with the goods or services provided by any supplier booking through Classic Escapes, including without limitation liability for any act, error, omission, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be incurred through the fault, negligence, willful acts, omissions or otherwise of such travel service provider or any third party, or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services, their cancellation and refund policies, fuel increases, bankruptcy or cessation of operations and other matters outside of Classic Escapes' control, and you hereby exonerate Classic Escapes from any liability with respect to the same.

**FORCE MAJEURE:** Classic Escapes will not be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, illness, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, including web host and internet service provider, breakdown or malfunction of equipment, destruction of or serious damage to facilities, natural catastrophes including, but not limited to extreme weather events, floods and volcanic eruptions, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy, and any other unforeseen circumstance which is beyond the control of Classic Escapes. THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.

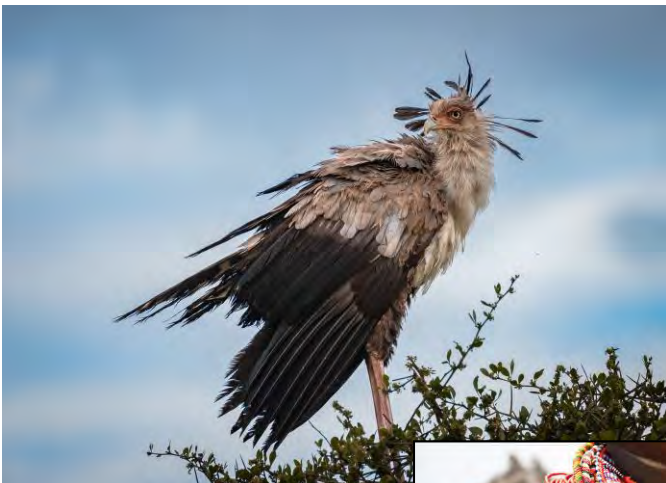


**REFUSAL OF SERVICE:** Service providers reserve the right to refuse service to travelers at their sole discretion, including, without limitation, if the traveler: (i) lacks proper documentation for the country of destination; (ii) has a contagious disease; (iii) is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics; and/or (iv) manifests disruptive and/or unruly behavior. Classic Escapes assumes no liability for the acts of the service provider in refusing service.

**ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE:** Both parties agree that you may acknowledge and agree to these Terms: (i) electronically; (ii) by handwritten signature; (iii) by any other electronic means, including, without limitation, via email acceptance of these Terms; or (iv) by your implied consent deemed via your actions, which shall include without limitation the payment of the invoice in part or in full or your use of the services provided by Classic Escapes or any other travel supplier related to your booking. All such means will be deemed to constitute effective acknowledgement and execution of this Agreement and shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS:** We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to change these Terms and Conditions at any time. Updated versions of the Terms will be provided to you, will be posted on our website, and are effective immediately on posting.

**GOVERNING LAW:** The construction, validity, and performance of these Terms and any disputes between the parties shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles, and any federal laws applicable therein. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any legal proceedings relating to these Terms.



# RESERVATION FORM:

BLANK PARK ZOO ~ KENYA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,800 per person for the main trip, plus \$1,200 for the post extension, plus all gorilla permit costs) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the classic safari to Kenya departing July 15, 2025. Check Your Journey at a Glance for all costs associated to this tour

Final payment due date is **April 11, 2025**

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 **OR**

Charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, **all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only**

**A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm a reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section**

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT NAME YOU PREFER TO BE CALLED IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  ONE  TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if one cannot be located for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount listed on the Journey at a Glance page. I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost
- \$530 per person for the Massai Mara Safari (as of August 16, 2024) and subject to change)
- Optional flight between Mara /Nairobi
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension to Rwanda at an additional per person cost.  
I wish to purchase the following permits:  one gorilla permit  two gorilla permits  
**PLEASE NOTE that a passport copy is required to purchase the permits.**

**CLASSIC ESCAPES CAN ASSIST WITH INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FROM ANY US CITY.  
PLEASE CONTACT US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and the value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of September 3, 2024 and are subject to change. Refund is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



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**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

*Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.*

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of transaction \_\_\_\_\_

Services rendered/Items purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and the value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of September 3, 2024, and are subject to change. Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (January 16, 2025), \$300 per person administrative fee, **plus all permits purchased.**
- 179 days to 96 days prior to departure (January 17 to April 10, 2025), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers in Kenya, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers in Rwanda, **plus all permits purchased**
- 95 days to 60 days prior to departure (April 11 to May 16, 2025), 25% refund is possible in Kenya, no refund for Rwanda, plus no refund for **all permits purchased.**
- 59 days or less prior to departure (May 17, 2025), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.